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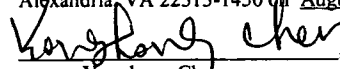
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents for the above-identified application. Copies of any non-US documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A, copy of the International Search Report (ISR) and a German Office action dated August 5, 2003 issued in the corresponding applications are provided herewith.

1. DE 101 49 221 C1 (English abstract provided)
2. US 5,669,992

3. DT 24 52 486 A1 (English-language equivalent application GB 1 490 535 is provided)
4. DE 101 49 220 C1 (English abstract provided)
5. DE 100 49 660 A1 (English abstract provided)

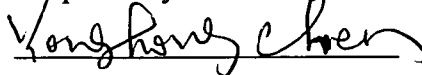
Documents 1-3 were cited in the ISR. Documents 1 and 3-4 were cited in the German Office action dated August 5, 2003. Document 5 was cited in the background of the specification of the instant application.

Since the present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action, no statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08A be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,



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